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AIDA

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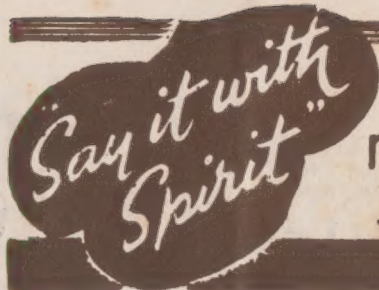
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Scene 2...IN THE TEMPLE OF VULCAN AT MEMPHIS
- Act 2—Scene 1...A HALL IN THE APARTMENTS OF AMNERIS
Scene 2...THE TEMPLE OF AMMON, AT THE ENTRANCE
TO THEBES
- Act 3...NEAR THE TEMPLE OF ISIS, ON THE BANKS OF THE NILE
- Act 4—Scene 1...A HALL IN THE PALACE OF THE KING OF EGYPT
Scene 2...IN THE SUBTERRANEAN HALL OF THE TEMPLE
OF VULCAN

Personnel of the Ensembles: Gertrude Andrews, Marjorie Barry, Mona Brase, Una Bodie, Joan Breeffe, Louie O'Hagan, May Campbell, Monica Condron, Eileen Cullen, Rita Cullen, Bernadette Cosgrove, Joan M. Dempsey, Lily Doyle, Barrie Daniels, Florrie Draper, Lily Duggan, Maureen Dunne, Aureen Fagan, Kay Fitzgerald, Mona and Sylvia Foran, Evelyn Foley, Ada Geoghegan, Kathleen Holley, Eithne Kavanagh, Mairé M. Keogh, Alice Krotoschin, Maureen Laheen, Rosaline Laheen, Beatrice Macaura, Carmel McAsey, Sheila McPhillips, Fily Markey, Alice Moffat, Maura Mooney, Marie Morris, Kathleen Mullen, Joyce Nelson, Maude Naughton, Ena Nolan, Pauline Nolan, Kay O'Syrwe, Moira O'Loughlin, Molly O'Malley, M. deRiva O'Phelan, Nuala Perry, Eileen Purcell, Hilda Roche, Deirdre Stack, Sheila Thompson, Kitty Vaughan, Aileen Walsh, Patricia Young.

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Musical Director.....LIEUT.-COL. J. M. DOYLE
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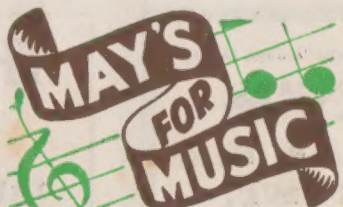
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Verdi's "Aida" at The Gaiety Theatre

The Dublin Grand Opera Society opened their Spring season at the Gaiety Theatre last night with Verdi's "Aida." The choice was an excellent one for the opera contains some of Verdi's best music, while the picturesque authentic background of the plot gives the work special interest.

The general standard of performance was very good. Lieut.-Col. Doyle conducted and Sydney Russell was responsible for the production. There was some uncertainty in the first act, natural enough on an opening night—the Temple scene, for instance, might be made more impressive. But the remainder of the opera went really well.

The caste was a good one. Ruth Packer gave a fine interpretation of the role of Aida. Her tone was at times weak, but she acted convincingly, and in Act 3 her singing and general performance were excellent. Patricia Black was most satisfactory as Amneris—her style and presence were dramatic.

Frank Sale sang the part of Radames very well, and Henry Gill that of Amonasro. Other successful performances were those of Dermot Browner (High Priest) and Sam Mooney (King of Egypt).

The orchestra, led by Terry O'Connor, played well, especially in Act 3, and the chorus did good work in Act 2.

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OTHER THEATRES

GATE—"Rosmersholm" is retained. **ROYAL**—Douglas Dee and Dale are an unusual musical combination. Hilda Heath, who sings and dances, and Peter Bernard "the Maestro of Songsters," are two other good turns. Eddie Byrne's "Double or Nothing" feature still ranks high, as do the Royalties, who, assisted by the orchestra, present a special U.S. Navy number.

OLYMPIA—The two Leslies are at the top of a bill of twelve turns. The O'Neill Sisters provide music, a song, and a touch of humour, and Eva May Wong has an attractive conjuring act. Others are Jack Cruise and Joe Duffy, comedians; James McGovern, baritone; Kisma and Karem, dancers; Anne Grayson, singer; Bob and Rema, and Harry Pringle, comedian.

QUEEN'S—"April Sings" is variety with a strong national flavour, containing sketches, songs, comedy and ballet. Al Beale, with clarinet and saxophone; Gloria Greene, ever-popular in "Thanks for the Memory" series; Cecil Nash, Mick Eustace, Bill Brady, Frank Howard and Kay O'Toole in amusing sketches; Paddy Tyrrell, songs; Jimmy Harvey in "That Song and Dance Man," and Alec C. Fryer and the orchestra with the Rockettes round off a good programme.

PEACOCK—Mucroas Players appear in "Quiet Wedding"—production by P. J. O'Connor.